

evaluations by issuing a certificate of authority to elevate Neumann College to university status.

The process of converting from a college to a university is lengthy and complicated, requiring the addition of full undergraduate studies in the arts and sciences, professional graduate programs, a doctoral program, and cultural programming open to the community. Neumann College's visionary and perseverant leaders, President Rosalie Mirenda and Vice President for Mission and Ministry, Sister Marguerite O'Beirne, OSF, have worked tirelessly with the entire Neumann staff to make the conversion possible.

In addition to schools of business and nursing, Neumann offers a college of arts and sciences, as well as six graduate and two doctoral programs. What sets Neumann apart from other colleges and universities is its unparalleled ability to educate its students outside of the classroom through programs that sharpen social awareness and ethical concern, which I have observed myself.

As Dr. Mirenda so eloquently writes of Neumann, "We will give you the opportunity to experience the reality that learning and living are one; that education is truly the combination of the intellect, the body, the heart, and the soul, and that education is about relationships, going deeper into your being to discover the special gift of yourself and all creation that surrounds you."

As part of its mission, Neumann University has a very strong minority recruitment program. Neumann works aggressively to see that a values-based private education is affordable to as many young men and women as possible. Neumann imbues each student with the notion that learning is a life-long process.

Achieving university status marks the culmination of a remarkable transformation for Neumann. It is a living testament of the decency, hard work, and absolute commitment of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

Madam Speaker, today I acknowledge the 8,327 living alumni, the 3,037 current students, and the 507 faculty and staff, board of trustees, and President Mirenda especially on achieving their goal of advancing Neumann University as a recognized institution of higher education in the Catholic Franciscan tradition. I commend their dedication to making ours a better community, Nation, and world with so many better students and people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SCHIFF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

REVISIONS TO THE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS AND BUDGETARY AGGREGATES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010 FOR THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, under section 423(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a revised 302(a) allocation for the Committee on Appropriations for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Section 423(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 13 permits the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to adjust discretionary spending limits for overseas deployments and other activities when these activities are so designated. Such a designation is included in H.R. 2346, a bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. A table is attached.

DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS—APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATION

(In millions of dollars)

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Current allocation:		
Fiscal Year 2009	1,391,471	1,082,540
Fiscal Year 2010	1,220,843	1,269,745
Change for H. R. 2346 overseas deployment and other activities designation:		
Fiscal Year 2009	90,745	0
Fiscal Year 2010	24,989	34,888
Revised allocation:		
Fiscal Year 2009	1,482,216	1,082,540
Fiscal Year 2010	1,245,832	1,304,633

THE PROGRESSIVE MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, let me welcome America and the rest of the world to the Progressive Caucus Special Order hour. We would like to call it "The Progressive Message."

And the Progressive message is something that the Progressive Caucus does every week to project a Progressive vision for America; not a reactionary vision, not a status quo vision, but a vision of America as we believe that it could be, can be, that all men and women are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Progressive Caucus and the Progressive message, tonight, are here to come to bring a message to the people about where we are going, where we have been. And tonight's topic is "Why I'm a Progressive."

Why I'm a Progressive; here's why. We are going to talk about it tonight, and it's going to be good. And to help us get kicked off on this subject of why I am a Progressive, I want to yield to

the gentlelady from the great State of California, who is also one of our co-Chairs, LYNN WOOLSEY.

Ms. WOOLSEY. I would like to thank the gentleman from Minnesota and the gentleman from Colorado for being here, and the gentlewoman is going to be here, too.

Mr. ELLISON. From the great State of Maine.

Ms. WOOLSEY. She just announced to us the great progressiveness of her family and her State. Believe me, I honor you. Thank you for being part of this.

Progressive liberal, liberal Progressive. I mean, how often have we been chastised for being liberals? So we changed the word to "progressive." It means exactly the same thing to me. I am proud if people call me a liberal, and I am proud to be a Progressive, because it is the same thing.

And what does that mean to all of us? What does it mean to me? Why do I want a label? Why do I care?

You know what? It's because I can count on Progressives, the people that I know to be Progressives, to put out their hand when somebody needs help, and that means here, as legislators, to know that our job is to work for those who have less, who maybe have come upon hard times and need a short-term lift. That's why I supported a welfare system that had a floor to it, that would actually help poor people so they didn't fall through the net.

And I am also going to say one more thing about being a Progressive. A Progressive, to me, knows that organized labor made the difference in this country in bringing a middle class to the United States of America, a class where families could work, could afford to buy their own home, could send their children to college and at the same time pay into their own retirement system so they could be independent when they retired, and, oh, what a concept, have health care.

So that's what Progressive values are to me and that's what being a Progressive is about, having the values, having the concerns, having the empathy for others and knowing that it isn't about us. We work for everybody in this country.

Mr. ELLISON. We have been here on the House floor together before, and at that time in the past you shared one of your own personal stories about what motivated you toward Progressive politics.

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But leave it to say that the gentlelady from California, our co-Chair, LYNN WOOLSEY, came to Progressive politics not just because of something she read in the book, but because of the life that she lived that helped her understand what the importance of Progressive politics are all about.

I yield back to the gentlelady. Is that right?

Ms. WOOLSEY. That is absolutely true. But I have to tell you, when I was